

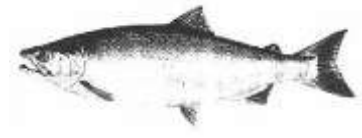
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This news release is being issued to correct a date error in the Coghill section of the most recent announcement. All other periods remain as previously announced.

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding the WNH HEEZ**, will open to commercial DRIFT GILLNET and PURSE SEINE fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 13, and Wednesday, August 14. The HEEZ consists of the waters of the SHA north of a latitude line at 60°47.78'N.

Waters of the Coghill District, **including waters of the WNH SHA up to a line of buoys in front of the barrier net**, will open to commercial DRIFT GILLNET and PURSE SEINE fishing for a 14-hour fishing period beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on **Thursday, August 15**. Pink salmon harvest estimates for recent Coghill District CPFs include 257,000 on August 8; 469,000 on August 9; 513,000 on August 10. There were 105 purse seine and 335 gillnet deliveries reported for these periods.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur by 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 14.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web addresses:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareacopperiver.main> (Copper River homepage) or
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure that they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.